AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1-15. (Cancelled)

16.(Currently Amended) A vibration damping device for damping vibrations of a machine, the vibration damping device comprising a laminated plate ~~(910~~110,130~~)~~ formed by laminating a specified number of inner plates ~~(912~~111,131~~)~~ and an outer plate ~~(911~~112,132~~)~~ that is disposed on an outside of the specified number of the inner plates ~~(912~~111,131~~)~~, wherein intermittent welding is performed on peripheral edges of the inner plates in a plurality of locations when the laminated plate is coupled to members of the machine that is an object of vibration damping and the specified number of inner plates ~~(912~~111,131~~)~~ are tightly sealed by the outer plate ~~(911~~112,132~~)~~ and the members of the ~~a~~ machine ~~(901) that is an object of vibration damping~~.

17-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The vibration damping device according to claim 16, wherein the laminated plate ~~(110, 130)~~ is formed by laminating ~~a~~ the specified number of the inner plates ~~(111, 131)~~, and ~~an~~ the outer plate ~~(112, 132)~~ which is disposed on the outside of the specified number of inner plates ~~(111, 131)~~ and ~~which has a shape that differs from those of the inner plates (111, 131)~~ whose peripheral edge has a shape that partially differs from those of peripheral edges of the inner plates ~~(111, 131)~~, the inner plates ~~(111, 131)~~ are caused to contact with a member~~members~~ ~~(103, 128)~~ of the machine that is the object of vibration damping, and the

laminated plate ~~(110, 130)~~ is coupled to the member~~members (103, 128)~~ of the machine by performing continuous welding on the peripheral ~~edges~~ edge of the outer plate ~~(112, 132)~~ and performing the intermittent welding on the peripheral edges of the inner plates.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) The vibration damping device according to claim 16, wherein the member ~~(103)~~ of the machine has a contact member ~~(108)~~ that is capable of contacting end portions of the laminated plate ~~(110)~~, the inner ~~plate (111) has~~ plates define a contact part ~~(111b)~~ that protrudes from a peripheral edge of the outer plate ~~(112)~~ and contacts with the contact member ~~(108)~~, and continuous welding that covers the contact part ~~(111b)~~ of the inner ~~plate~~ plates ~~(111)~~ is performed between the peripheral edge of the outer plate ~~(112)~~ and the contact member ~~(108)~~.

25. (Currently Amended) The vibration damping device according to claim 16, wherein a plurality of protruding parts ~~(131a)~~ that match a peripheral edge shape of the outer plate ~~(132)~~ are disposed on the peripheral edge of the inner plates~~plate (131)~~, and the plurality of protruding parts ~~(131a)~~ of the inner plates ~~plate (131)~~ are intermittently welded by performing continuous welding on the peripheral edge of the outer plate ~~(132)~~.

26. (Currently Amended) The vibration damping device according to claim 24, wherein a length

of the contact part ~~(111b)~~ of the inner plates ~~plate (111)~~ is 100 to 280 mm.

27. (Currently Amended) The vibration damping device according to claim 25, wherein the plurality of protruding parts ~~(131a)~~ of the inner plates ~~plate (131)~~ are disposed at intervals of 100 to 280 mm.

28-35. (Cancelled)

36. (New) The vibration damping device according to claim 24, wherein the contact part is demarcated by a cut-out part, and the cut-out part has a rectangular shape.

37. (New) The vibration damping device according to claim 24, wherein the contact part is demarcated by a cut-out part, and the cut-out part has a wave shape.

38. (New) The vibration damping device according to claim 36, wherein the cut-out part is embedded by welding and the inner plates are attached to the machine when the laminated plate is coupled to the members of the machine.

39. (New) A vibration damping device for damping vibrations of a machine, the vibration damping device comprising a laminated plate formed of a plurality of inner plates and an outer plate provided on an outermost one of the inner plates,

wherein the inner plates include projecting portions that extend beyond a peripheral edge

of the outer plate, the projecting portions are defined by cutout portions formed in a peripheral portion of the plurality of inner plates, and the cutout portions extend to the peripheral edge of the outer plate,

wherein the cutouts are provided to permit the inner plates to be connected by intermittent welding to the machine that is the object of vibration damping, and

wherein the laminated plate includes a plurality of holes located inward of the peripheral portion of the inner plates, and the holes extend through the outer plate and the inner plates so that plug welding can be performed in the holes to prevent floating of the inner plates and the outer plate of the laminated plate.

40. (New) The vibration damping device according to claim 39, wherein each of the cutout portions has a rectangular shape.

41. (New) The vibration damping device according to claim 39, wherein each of the cutout parts has a wave shape.